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One night before Christmas
old Santa sat rocking,

Wondering what he could
stuff in each stocking.

He had always left candy
and nuts, it is true.

But this year he wanted
to leave something new.

What could he make that was merry and gay . . .
something surprising for Christmas day?
He had an idea! Santa laughed with delight.

He ran to his shop
and worked there all night.

He found paper and scissors
and thread and some glue,
Some paints—lots of red—
a little of blue.

He took ink and some cardboard

and scissored and snipped.

He glued and he stitched

and he dabbled and dripped.

Santa called in his elves
the next night and said, "Look!

Here's my wonderful, magical,
stocking-sized book."

"It's surely a strange one,"
the puzzled elves said.

"But hurry, it's time
to start packing the sled."

"Wait," shouted Santa.
"There's a last thing to do. . . ."

Then he hopped
in this book—

To spend Christmas with you.

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